

filled other important offices there.

Captain Mapes was born in Cocksackie, N. Y., in 1798. From 1831 to '36 he was in the mercantile and lumber business here. In 1844 he became one of the founders of Ripon and later of Brockway college at that place. He died at Winneconne, Wis., May 13, 1890.

In 1849 Carbondale caught the gold fever like the rest of the country and a number of its residents sought their fortune in far away California. Among those who went by the overland route were William Monies, James Shafer, Patrick Archbald and two sons, James and John, James Ruthven, Christopher Grattan, who later started the first hospital on the Pacific coast, Loftus, Campbell and William and Charles Mills. Henry Townsend went by way of Cape Horn. Most of these soon returned and none had acquired the looked for fortune. John B. Smith when importuned to go said he "wouldn't mind if it wasn't for going through that darned Dundaff." Several prospectors were sent from here by persons with whom they agreed to share their profits.

Peter Yarrington, oldest son of Dilton Yarrington, went to California in 1850 at the age of 20 years where he began the publication of a paper. Later he enlisted in General Walker's army to go to Nicaragua. He lost his life at the siege of Grenada on December 12, 1856.

J. R. Durfee published in 1873 a series of letters on early Carbondale. He came here in 1835. In 1875 he went to Owego to reside with his son Frank and soon after died.

Supt. James Archbald removed to Scranton from this city when he became general agent for the D. L. & W. company, much to the regret of our people and followed by the good wishes of the entire population. Until almost the last he possessed the elasticity and industry of younger days; rose with the early dawn, and on a tramp over the mountains could not be tired out by any man in Lackawanna county. He died in Scranton in August 1870, at the age of 77 years.

John Watt came to New York city when a boy with his parents from Newmilnes, Ayrshire, Scotland. He came to Carbondale at the age of 21 and for many years was a successful merchant. He died in 1885. John Mills was one of the first settlers in this section, clearing up what is the present fine Mills farm west of the city. He was a well known figure in the town's early life.

H. S. Pierce came here in 1832 when eighteen years old. His marked business ability caused him to rise rapidly until he became head of the First National Bank. He went to Scranton in 1865 and died in February 1889, one of the wealthy men of this section.

L. G. Ensign was born in Litchfield, Connecticut, 1806. For many years he was Carbondale's leading jeweler. He died at his home in Wyoming, February 3, 1887.

James Dickson was born in Berwickshire, Scotland, on Christmas day, 1801. He came to America in 1832, settled in Canada but soon after came to Carbondale and succeeded Mr. McAlpine as head of the D. & H. machine shops. He died in 1879.

The tannery of G. L. Morss above the city was for a long period a flourishing industry and contributed considerably to the business interests of Carbondale. The disappearance of the forests caused the decline of the tanning business but the fine home of the family is still a landmark of that vicinity. Among other enterprises in which former Carbondalians engaged was the Summit water cure at Rix's gap, conducted by W. E. Rogers in 1851. It stood near where the present Farview picnic ground now is and was in a most wild spot even for those days. It was later removed to Crystal lake. Homer Grennell, was for the greater part of the existence of the Mayor's court its official crier. About 1850 he ran a wintergreen oil factory on the line of the Gravity just this side of Archbald. The Moosic mountains at that time were thickly covered with

wintergreen bushes and the gathering of the leaves gave employment to many hands.

Among Carbondale business men of years ago was Angus Cameron, Sr., who made the cradles and coffins needed in the community. P. Byrne and Samuel Hodges, lawyers; pioneer merchants were Ruthven & Sons; J. and S. Clark; P. Moffitt Sr. and Jr., A. Grady, J. Nealon, H. O'Neill, H. P. Ensign, C. Benjamin, D. K. Morss. Others prominent in various lines were G. Frothingham, W. Root, H. Johnson, S. Rogers, H. B. Jadin Sr., J. H. Waterbury, Dr. J. P. Farnham, J. and D. Taylor, J. Simpson, J. Love, W. Farrar, R. W. Graves, G. F. Knapp, J. Dorrance, P. McCabe, Sr., M. Gallagher, M. Garvey, B. Morrison, T. Farrell, Sr., M. Flynn, J. H. Estabrook, J. C. Davis, O. Foster, Sr., N. Fallon, A. K. Fuller, J. Gorman, J. Vannan, Sr., S. and W. Arnold.



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